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CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

March 7, 2002

Dear Stakeholder:

The California High-Speed Rail Authority's March 20, 2002 public Board Meeting will be held at the City and County of San Francisco City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 250, San Francisco (see agenda attached).

This meeting will include presentations from the City of San Francisco, San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SAMTRANS) and the Capitol Rail Corridor. The City of San Francisco will present an update on the efforts to implement a new multi-modal station at the Transbay Terminal. SAMTRANS will present an update on current and future Caltrain improvements between Gilroy and San Francisco, and the Capitol Rail service will report on current and future improvements for the "Capitol" rail service that links Sacramento to San Jose along the I-80 Corridor. Also on the agenda is a staff update on the Authority's schedule for completion of the program EIR/EIS document.

On February 13, Senator John Burton appointed a prominent Californian to the Authority, Fran Florez, of Kern County. Member Florez is a Councilmember and Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Shafter and is active in many organizations in Kern County.

At the February 20, 2002 Authority Board Meeting in San Diego, Patrick Merrill, of the Department of Transportation (the Department) Division of Rail announced that the Department will be preparing a program-level Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for improvements to the rail corridor from Los Angeles through Orange County to San Diego. The Department, the Authority, and the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) are working together to develop the technical data and studies that will be used in the preparation of both the Authority's statewide and the Department's Los Angeles-to-San Diego draft program EIR/EIS documents. To eliminate unnecessary duplication of technical work, reduce costs, and simplify public and agency review of the environmental consequences of both programs, the Department intends to use the technical studies being prepared by the Authority for the Los Angeles-to-San Diego Rail Corridor – however, each agency is responding to its own separate mandates. The Department's formal scoping meetings for their program EIR/EIS have been scheduled as follows:

- **Los Angeles:** April 2, 1:30 to 3:30 pm, MTA Bldg., Union Station Room, One Gateway Plaza
- **San Clemente:** April 2, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, San Clemente Inn, 2600 Avenida de Presidente
- **Anaheim:** April 3, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, City Hall West, Gordon Hoyt Conference Center, 201 S. Anaheim Blvd.
- **Carlsbad:** April 3, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Carlsbad Senior Center, 799 Pine Street
- **Santa Ana:** April 9, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Santa Ana Rail Station, Logan Room, 5th Floor, 1000 Santa Ana Blvd.

Comments can be sent to our mailing address, via our website (www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov) or by attending our Authority meetings. The Authority looks forward to your input.

Sincerely,

Mehdi Morshed



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